

SENATE RESOLUTION 69

By Watson

A RESOLUTION wishing Senator Randy McNally a very happy 59th birthday for the 11th consecutive year.

WHEREAS, today, January 30, 2014, the good senator from Oak Ridge is celebrating his birthday; he declines to say which birthday he is celebrating, but he was a classmate of John Sevier's; and

WHEREAS, Randy McNally first arrived on Capitol Hill in 1978. Sporting that radioactive glow so common among Oak Ridgers, he was fresh-faced, red-headed, and eager to render public service as a member of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, after failing in this mission for eight years, he decided to re-boot and quietly moved across the hall to that Geriatracy known as the Senate; and

WHEREAS, flash forward some 28 years, and the Senate is no longer the Senate, but is yet somehow still the Senate, and Randy McNally reigns as Chair of the Senate Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, in this important position, he has joined a long list of political icons who have deluded themselves into believing that they understand the state's multi-billion dollar budget in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, during his earlier days as a Senator, Randy McNally participated in the Rocky Top sting, often confusing fellow legislators and lobbyists alike by asking them to speak directly and clearly into his tie pin; and

WHEREAS, just as autumn follows summer, Senator McNally's hair has undergone drastic changes during his tenure with the General Assembly, and like the fall foliage, his locks have experienced a dramatic transformation in color, only changing from red to gray instead of green to orange; and

WHEREAS, renowned throughout the legislative complex for his exciting and demonstrative personality, Randy McNally is currently ranked 4,983rd among the 5,000 Most Exciting Tennessee Legislators, placing between Senator Joey Hensley, M.D. and Mr. Jim Cummings who has been dead for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, before taking a much deserved retirement befitting a gentleman of his age, Senator McNally worked for many years as a pharmacist, which profession earned him the nickname “Dr. Feelgood” among his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time away from Nashville, he enjoys playing lacrosse with his golden retriever while drinking Starbucks coffee; and

WHEREAS, rarely has a man of Randy McNally’s stature walked among us, but at his advanced age he won’t be walking erect for much longer; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we wish our most beloved colleague, Randy McNally, a very happy 112th birthday, and in the words of Dylan Thomas, urge him to not “go gentle into that good night,” but instead to “rage, rage against the dying of the light.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to provide Senator McNally with a hearing aid, walking stick, and Rascal scooter as tokens of our esteem.